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Nursing Jobs in Los Angeles City

Examinations for *Nurse* and *Public Health Nurse* positions with the City of Los Angeles will be held September 16th with final filing date September 6th. Salaries for these positions are $211 to $259 and $259 to $319 per month respectively. Applicants must be California residents. Further information may be obtained from the Los Angeles City Civil Service Department, Room 5, City Hall, Los Angeles 12.

N. P. C. Manual Tells How to Illustrate

Latest of the how-to-do-it manuals on publicity techniques published by the National Publicity Council is one entitled "How to Turn Ideas Into Pictures." This manual shows how to put verbal ideas into vivid pictorial form in a way which requires little artistic skill or financial outlay. Copies are available for $1 from the National Publicity Council, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Local Health Officers' Committee Adopts Important Resolutions

A number of important resolutions and recommendations bearing on public health practices in California have been adopted by the Committee on Administrative Practices of the State Conference of Local Health Officers. Selected topics and actions are taken as follows from the CAP minutes:

1. Fluoridation of Water Supplies

The matter of fluoridation of public water supplies was discussed at some length. Dr. Hugo Kulstad, Chief, Division of Dental Health, State Department of Public Health, presented the report given to the State Board of Public Health on May 2, 1950, as well as the resolution adopted on June 8, 1950, by the State and Territorial Dental Health Directors at their annual meeting in Washington, D. C., as follows:

> "*Resolved*, That the State and Territorial Dental Health Directors recommend the fluoridation of public water supplies for the partial control of dental caries, where the local dental and medical professions have approved this program and where the community can meet and maintain the standards required by the State Health authority."

The statement on policy of the U. S. Public Health Service was also presented, which read:

> "Using scientific methods and procedures, communities desiring to fluoridate their communal water supplies should be strongly encouraged to do so."

The following resolution was passed:

> *Resolved*, That the Committee on Administrative Practices recommends the fluoridation of public water supplies for the partial control of dental caries in children; that it requests that the State Department of Public Health provide all local health officers with detailed information including advantages and limitations; that this problem be referred to the appropriate committee of the Conference for consideration of the technical problems involved, and that it directs that a copy of this resolution be referred to the State Department of Public Health and to the State Board of Public Health.

2. Sanitation Control of Home-prepared Food for Sale or for Church Suppers, Bazaars, Etc., Where No Charge Is Made

The following resolution was passed:

> *Resolved*, That the Committee on Administrative Practices urges local health departments to apply the Restaurant Sanitation Act in cases where food is prepared in the home and sold to the public and intensify the educational campaign to improve food handling at church suppers, bazaars, etc., where no charge is made.

3. Study Committee on Disease Control and Laboratories

The following portions of the report concerning a rabies control program were discussed:

a. Responsibility for Local Rabies Control Program

Although the resolution of the Study Committee regarding local health department participation in rabies control programs was concurred with, it was pointed out that the local health department does not necessarily have to do all the work needed to control rabies; it was emphasized that the local health department should be responsible for seeing that the rabies control program includes necessary basic services. The following resolution, as presented by the Study Committee, was passed:

> WHEREAS, The health department is the only governmental agency capable of carrying out all the aspects of the rabies control program; and
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> WHEREAS, The local health department is the only agency whose motivating interest in dog control stems from and is fully cognizant of the aspects of rabies; and
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> WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health at the state level and the U. S. Public Health Service at the national level, are responsible for rabies control; therefore, be it
>
> *Resolved*, That the Committee on Administrative Practices recommends that the local health department be the responsible local governmental agency for the local rabies control program.

b. State Law Regarding the Rabies Control Programs

The recommendation of the Study Committee regarding the enactment of a state law requiring the development of an effective rabies control program was discussed. The chairman of the Study Committee reported he had had over 20 replies from a questionnaire sent to local health officers and all but one favored a state law embodying all of the suggested principles. The following resolution was passed:

> *Resolved*, That the Committee on Administrative Practices hereby favors a state law requiring that each local governmental area or jurisdiction shall have or provide for a rabies control program to include at least:
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> (1) The licensing of all dogs;
> (2) The impounding of all stray dogs;
> (3) The vaccination against rabies as prescribed by the State Board of Public Health of all dogs allowed to run at large; and
> (4) Such other regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Public Health.

c. Role of State Department of Public Health in State-wide Rabies Control Program

The following recommendations of the Study Committee were generally approved; however, it was emphasized that these are only suggestions for consideration by the State Department of Public Health.

In the state-wide rabies control program the State Department of Public Health:

(1) Should offer consultation and advisory service.

(2) Should provide publicity and educational materials and assist in developing local educational programs.

(3) May give or provide for additional services to those areas of the State without organized local health departments and may aid local areas during emergencies.

(4) Should provide laboratory diagnostic services which will include microscopic examination and animal inoculation and virus studies, when indicated, where such procedures are not practical or available in the local health department, and

should provide proper shipping containers for necessary specimens.

(5) Should regulate canine species entering the State from other areas.

(6) Should correlate wild life reduction activities in areas where required.

(7) Should approve canine antirabic vaccines for use in the State.

Mental Health Funds Allocated for New Fiscal Year

With California expected to receive about $234,000 in federal mental health funds for 1950-51, the Advisory Committee to the State Mental Health Authority has tentatively allocated money for mental health programs to 15 agencies in 13 counties of California. Nearly half of the expected total grant would go to the State Department of Mental Hygiene for maintenance of mental hygiene clinics and to start out-patient services in five state mental hospitals.

Balance of the allotments would be used for the salaries of part- or full-time psychiatrists in child-guidance clinics and in local health departments, psychiatric social workers in these agencies and in county schools, and for psychologists in child guidance clinics and community mental health clinics.

Agencies scheduled for the tentative allocations are as follows:

Child Guidance Clinic of Children's Hospital, San Francisco.
Child Guidance and Consultation Service of San Mateo County, Burlingame.
Child Development Center, Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland.
Contra Costa County Mental Hygiene Program, Martinez.
Long Beach City Health Department, Long Beach.
Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles.
Los Angeles City Health Department, Los Angeles.
Mental Health Service of Santa Clara County, San Jose.
Napa County Health Department, Napa.
Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Santa Ana.
San Diego City Health Department, San Diego.
San Joaquin Local Health District, Stockton.
Sonoma County Mental Hygiene Clinic, Santa Rosa Junior College.
Tulare County Health Department, Visalia.
The Henrietta Weill Child Guidance Clinic, Bakersfield.
State Department of Public Health.
State Department of Mental Hygiene.

California Conference Dates Changed

Dates for the California Conference in Sacramento in preparation for the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth have been changed from September 21st and 22d to September 18th and 19th. Plans for the conference were announced in the July 31st issue of *California's Health*.

Polio in California, 1950

Although the incidence of poliomyelitis in California is expected to rise through August and September, the 1950 total promises to be well below the epidemic levels of 1948 and 1949. From the polio season's beginning in April through the third week of July, 358 cases had been reported from 35 of the 58 counties of the State. These cases were scattered in time and place so that no one portion of the State had experienced an excessive incidence.

Forty-nine percent of the total cases reported during this period were from Los Angeles County, which has approximately 39 percent of the State's population. A review of supplemental reports on paralytic status indicates that a higher proportion of nonparalytic cases are reported from the Los Angeles area than from any other section of the State. Availability of medical and diagnostic facilities and a well established system of reporting could account for this distribution.

State Civil Service Jobs

Medical Social Worker

The California State Personnel Board announces an examination for *Medical Social Worker,* Grade 1, for employment by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Education. The examination will be held September 23d, with final filing date September 2d. Salary scale is $281 to $341. Applicants must have completed two years of postgraduate education in social work, plus experience. (Two years of qualifying experience may be substituted for one year of postgraduate work.)

Nutritionist, Grade 2 and Supervising Nutritionist

Examination will be held October 28th, with final filing date October 7th. These classifications of the State Personnel Board are for positions in the State Department of Education and the State Department of Public Health. Salary range for *Nutritionist,* Grade 2 is $295 to $358, and for *Supervising Nutritionist* it is $395 to $481. Two years of experience are required for the Grade 2 class and four years for the supervising class. Postgraduate work in foods and nutrition may be substituted for two years of experience on a year-for-year basis in the supervising class. State residence is not required.

Further information is available from the State Personnel Board, 1015 L Street, Sacramento.

In 1850 only one out of every 38 Americans was over 65; in 1900 it was one out of 25; today it is one out of 13.—*Radio News Bulletin of the Federal Security Agency.*

State Hospital Building Program Awaits Federal Budget Action

Contingent upon passage by Congress of the Federal Budget Act which provides $150,000,000 for hospital construction throughout the Nation, California will be able to add 21 more local hospital and health facilities to the 39 already built or being built with federal and state financial aid. (As of August 1st, Congress had not passed the Federal Budget Act.)

The new units would add 1,065 beds to the 1,892 beds previously provided by the construction program. Proposed also are 10 health centers to furnish additional facilities for local health departments.

The 21 projects have been provisionally approved by the State Department of Public Health on recommendation of the State Advisory Hospital Council, which met July 24th to allocate 1950-51 funds in California's continuing hospital construction program. Fifteen of the planned facilities would receive state financial aid matching the proposed federal grant.

All the allotments are contingent upon passage of the National Budget Act. This budget would give California $5,147,909 to continue the three-year old program which helps local communities finance hospitals and health facilities of various types. Construction plans approved by the department are subject to final ratification by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Location of the 21 projects, and the approximate financial grants involved, are listed as follows by Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health:

General Hospitals

St. Joseph's, Eureka, 75 beds. Federal grant, $422,604.
Daniel Freeman Memorial, Inglewood, 156 beds. Federal grant, $757,558.
Centinela Valley Community, Inglewood, 48 beds. Federal grant, $277,466.
Pittsburg Community District, Pittsburg, 32 beds. Federal and state grants, each, $65,000.
West View Hospital, Inc., Los Angeles, 80 beds. Federal grant, $367,500.
San Diego Hospital Association, San Diego, 150 beds. Federal grant, $728,819.

Tuberculosis Hospitals

Humboldt County Community Hospital, Eureka, 50 beds. Federal and state grants, each, $127,862.
Fresno County General Hospital, Fresno, 194 beds. Federal and state grants, each, $372,138.

Chronic Disease Hospitals

Del Norte County Local Hospital District, Crescent City, 20 beds. Federal and state grants, each, $59,122.
Rancho Los Amigos, Los Angeles, 200 beds. Federal and state grants, each, $233,000.

Mental Hospitals

Herrick Memorial, Berkeley, 60 beds. Federal grant, $172,475.

Health Centers (Local Health Departments)

San Benito County. Federal and state grants, each, $12,689.
Madera County. Federal and state grants, each $20,000.
Kings County. Federal and state grants, each, $32,656.
San Luis Obispo County. Federal and state grants, each, $36,531.
Butte County. Federal and state grants, each, $13,300.
Santa Clara County. Federal and state grants, each, $125,890.
Los Angeles City (Westchester). Federal and state grants, each, $58,430.
San Bernardino City. Federal and state grants, each, $23,887.
San Jose City. Federal and state grants, each, $80,545.
Orange County. Federal and state grants, each, $146,295.

Data on Public Health Personnel to Be Compiled in Survey

A comprehensive survey of public health personnel employed by local health departments in California is being conducted by the State Personnel Board, acting for the State Department of Public Health. The survey involves a careful study of job classifications, conditions of employment, and compensation, plus other pertinent data concerning the scope of local public health programs. It follows a resolution of the Committee on Administrative Practices, California Conference of Local Health Officers, requesting the State Department of Public Health to bring together more complete information about public health personnel than is now available.

The study is being conducted by the Cooperative Pensonnel Service Unit of the State Personnel Board, under the direction of Mr. John H. England. Findings of the survey are expected to be of particular value to local communities and health departments for use in evaluating their personnel practices.

Celia M. Crosse Retires

Miss Celia M. Crosse, a public health nurse who has worked in California since 1924, retired on June 30th. From 1924 to 1929, Miss Crosse was employed by the California State Department of Public Health. She then spent 10 years in public health nursing in Riverside County, returning to the state staff in 1939.

Since 1939, Miss Crosse has been assigned by the state department to work in several health departments in Southern California. Her most recent assignment was with the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Miss Crosse served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I. She completed her public health nursing curriculum at Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1921. Before coming to California in 1924, she had public health nursing experience in Texas.

Her coworkers and friends hope that she will enjoy her well-earned retirement.

Today public health is concerned with diseases that cannot be controlled without the effective participation of all the people. Our educational efforts must be broadened to include every individual in order that all may understand and act upon the principles of healthful living.—*Dr. Mayhew Derryberry.*

Pilot Study of Diarrheal Diseases Begins in San Joaquin Valley

An intensive study of the problem of diarrheal diseases in the San Joaquin Valley began July 1st and will continue through the remainder of 1950. Agencies cooperating in the project include the State Department of Public Health, the National Institutes of Health (USPHS), the Fresno City and County Health Department, and Fresno General Hospital.

For many years the San Joaquin Valley counties have consistently shown a high incidence of diarrhea and enteritis, with many infant deaths from these causes. In 1948 the infant death rate from diarrhea and enteritis was three times that of the State as a whole (5.5 infant deaths per thousand live births as compared with a state rate of 1.8).

Last winter and spring state and local agencies focused their attention on many aspects of the valley problem, including housing, sanitary facilities, nutrition and general health problems of agricultural workers. One recommendation coming from a series of conferences called for the epidemiologic study of diarrheal diseases which is now in progress.

The problem of diarrheal diseases is complex, and to date very little is known of the etiologic agents involved. Cases of diarrhea and enteritis have not been reportable except among newborn in hospitals. Thus, available epidemiologic information is limited.

One of the first problems in the pilot study is to identify etiologic agents. The project proposes to attack the most commonly accepted etiologic agents first, e.g., shigella and salmonella. Only certain population groups are being included in the current pilot study.

A. P. H. A. Plans Annual Conclave

The 78th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and meetings of 32 related organizations in the field of public health and preventive medicine will be held in St. Louis, October 30th to November 3d. More than 400 speakers and discussants will participate in the scientific programs under development by the 13 sections. Attendance is expected to exceed 5,500. Every state, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the Latin-American countries and many countries overseas will be represented.

Health is man's most valuable possession, which unfortunately, he never misses until it is gone.—*Anon.*

California Morbidity Reports

Selected Diseases—Civilian Cases

Total Cases for June and Total Cases for January Through June, 1950, 1949, 1948 and Five-year Median (1945-1949)

Reportable diseases	Current month				Cumulative			
	June				January through June			
	1950	1949	1948	5-Yr. Median 1945-1949	1950	1949	1948	5-Yr. Median 1945-1949
Amebiasis	17	32	26	26	169	180	152	[illegible]
Anthrax	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Botulism	------	------	------	------	3	------	3	[illegible]
Brucellosis (undulant fever)	9	4	24	19	46	50	92	[illegible]
Chancroid	25	45	33	36	132	289	226	[illegible]
Chicken pox	3,013	4,266	4,812	3,755	26,220	37,334	33,521	[illegible]
Cholera	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Coccidioidomycosis disseminated	11	7	7	6	55	46	30	[illegible]
Conjunctivitis, acute infectious of newborn	1	1	1	2	4	6	8	[illegible]
Dengue	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Diarrhea of the newborn	10	1	6	1	63	19	82	[illegible]
Diphtheria	21	43	44	44	189	242	289	[illegible]
Encephalitis, infectious	6	7	5	6	39	23	19	[illegible]
Epilepsy	114	188	209	188	1,028	1,141	1,024	[illegible]
Food poisoning	21	73	173	73	963	347	265	[illegible]
German measles	254	1,338	453	776	1,695	16,878	2,802	[illegible]
Gonococcus infection	1,459	2,469	2,427	2,330	7,765	11,442	13,463	[illegible]
Granuloma inguinale	1	4	11	5	11	17	31	[illegible]
Hepatitis, infectious	31	48	6	19	196	364	44	[illegible]
Influenza, epidemic	16	33	50	40	340	643	14,508	[illegible]
Leprosy	1	------	------	1	3	------	------	------
Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	1	------	1	------	3	------	1	------
Lymphogranuloma venereum	8	26	14	20	65	121	141	[illegible]
Malaria	------	2	5	5	1	11	33	[illegible]
Measles	2,533	4,862	12,010	4,862	12,102	39,744	58,630	[illegible]
Meningitis, meningococcal	18	21	24	24	158	170	217	[illegible]
Mumps	3,153	4,770	4,853	3,269	27,387	30,366	22,830	[illegible]
Pertussis	658	410	305	410	4,662	1,725	2,475	[illegible]
Plague	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Pneumonia, infectious	125	138	150	142	1,155	1,046	1,121	[illegible]
Poliomyelitis, acute anterior	96	125	224	88	429	520	348	[illegible]
Psittacosis	------	1	5	1	4	4	10	[illegible]
Rabies, animal	16	13	27	38	49	112	181	[illegible]
Rabies, human	------	------	------	------	------	1	------	[illegible]
Relapsing fever	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Rheumatic fever, acute	36	42	66	61	281	331	446	[illegible]
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	1	1	------	------	2	4	------	------
Salmonella infections*	42	16	9	9	265	53	38	[illegible]
Shigella infections (bacillary dysentery)	35	46	31	18	218	160	162	[illegible]
Smallpox	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	[illegible]
Streptococcal infections:								
Scarlet fever	364	259	332	397	3,114	2,259	2,323	[illegible]
Streptococcal sore throat (and "septic sore throat")	46	39	50	27	440	380	338	[illegible]
Syphilis	751	1,323	1,759	1,587	4,621	7,443	8,902	[illegible]
Tetanus	1	2	7	5	20	21	20	[illegible]
Trachoma	------	------	------	1	16	5	9	[illegible]
Trichinosis	------	2	3	2	11	9	24	[illegible]
Tuberculosis:								
Respiratory	629	944	789	831	3,454	4,391	4,214	[illegible]
Other forms	39	71	54	54	206	276	279	[illegible]
Tularemia	1	------	1	------	1	1	3	[illegible]
Typhoid fever	5	10	21	10	38	48	79	[illegible]
Typhus fever	------	------	4	2	------	1	10	[illegible]
Yellow fever	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------

* All types of Salmonella infections now reportable. Prior to January 1, 1950, only A, B and C types were reportable; hence a five-year median not entirely comparable.

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